

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10.

14. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 1-170 of SEQ ID NO: 8 wherein the polypeptide specifically binds TRAIL.

15-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of any one of claims 13, 14, and 70-73 [[75 or 76]], and a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation agent.

41. (Original) The composition of claim 40 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable formulation agent is a carrier, adjuvant, solubilizer, stabilizer, or anti-oxidant.

42-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) A fusion polypeptide comprising the isolated polypeptide of any one of claims 13, 14, and 70-73 [[75 or 76]] fused to a heterologous peptide.

50. (Original) The fusion polypeptide of claim 49 wherein the heterologous amino acid sequence is an IgG constant domain or fragment thereof.

51-63. (Canceled)

64. (Previously presented) A polypeptide produced by a process comprising culturing a host cell comprising a nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide, wherein the nucleic acid comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 9;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8 or SEQ ID NO: 10; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence encoding amino acids 1-170 of SEQ ID NO: 8.

65-69. (Canceled)

70. (Currently amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 7 or 9 or an amino acid sequence that is at least [[92%]] 95% identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 8 or 10, wherein said polypeptide is capable of binding TRAIL.

71. (Canceled)

72. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide according to claim 70, wherein said polypeptide is a TNF-receptor family member capable of binding TRAIL.

73. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide according to claim 70, wherein said polypeptide inhibits apoptosis.